

**Department of Licensing
Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board**



Washington Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board Meeting

*Friday, June 28, 2019
5:47 pm – 6:56 pm
Cle Elum Ranger Station,
Tom Craven Conference Room
803 W. 2nd St., Cle Elum, WA 98922*

Present: Members – Xenofon Moniodis (Chair), Kathy Gill,
Eric Ludlow

DOL Staff – Bryan Jackson & Dave Walker

Absent: Christopher Chinn, Michael Mason

A. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 2019

Kathy Gill moved to table the review and approval of minutes from the March 2019 meeting until the next meeting. The Board unanimously voted in favor of tabling the review and the motion was approved.

B. Legislative Update – Bryan Jackson

1. Liability Insurance Requirement

Bryan Jackson stated that beginning July 28th, 2019, motorcycles will no longer be exempt from the law requiring insurance for motor vehicles. The public will see notices on their registration regarding the new insurance requirement and the Motorcycle Safety Program has also spoken about this on social media.

Kathy Gill made note of a question raised by a member of the public regarding whether an endorsement is required to obtain motorcycle insurance.

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2. New Permit/Endorsement Process

Bryan Jackson stated that starting January 1, 2020, there will be a new set of tests required for obtaining a two-wheel motorcycle permit and endorsement. The new endorsement test will be comprised of 40 questions requiring a passing score of 80% or higher. Two-wheel permit lengths will increase to 180 days with one renewal.

Rulemaking surrounding these requirements were estimated to be done around October 2019. Hearings are estimated to be in September and the comment period ends 30 days after.

C. Review Board Charter – Xenofon Moniodis

Xenofon Moniodis cited a recommendation from NHTSA that stated the Advisory Board needed a strategic plan and stated that there is not a strategic plan on file. He made a recommendation to update the Board Charter.

Kathy Gill moved to have the Board brainstorm on the Charter in preparation for the strategic plan prior to the next meeting. All voted in favor, none opposed. The strategic plan will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

D. Research Report-Out – Xenofon Moniodis

Xenofon Moniodis made a recommendation to make the Research Report-Out a regular agenda item and stated he would take a lead on it to start out. He cited a study done by the Skilled Motorcyclist Association of Responsible, Trained, and Educated Riders, Inc. (SMARTER) that indicated training did not have a positive correlation on major incidents and fatalities regarding motorcyclists.

Kathy Gill made a recommendation that the Board look at research regarding training for car drivers in relation to motorcycle training.

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E. Public Forum

A member of the public reviewed legislation that is going into effect this next year. They also stated that Bryan Lange of ABATE has stepped down, and Louise Bentley has taken his place.

Eric Ludlow stated that there are special emphasis patrols targeting aggressive driving by motorcyclists and vehicles around motorcycles.

F. Recognize outgoing and announce incoming Board Members

Bryan Jackson acknowledged outgoing members Michael Mason and Christopher Chinn for the 2 years they committed to the Advisory Board. Bryan introduced the two new members selected for the Board, John Sheppard and Matt Carrithers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is September 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Location to be determined.